

SULZER NOT BOUND BY PARTY CAUCUS

Chairman on Committee on Foreign Affairs Works for Battle-ship Program.

Washington, July 27.—Representative William Sulzer, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has written a letter to Chairman Burleson, of the Democratic caucus, declaring his intention to vote for the battle-ship program regardless of the Democratic caucus action.

"I have told Mr. Burleson that whenever my vote is directed by constitutional and patriotic motives I will not be bound by a scant majority in the caucus," said Mr. Sulzer.

Mr. Sulzer says there are many other members who feel as he does and that twenty-five or thirty Democrats who participated in the last caucus are ready to vote for one or more battleships.

"If enough Republicans support the Senate program we can pass it through the House," Mr. Sulzer said. "I am circulating a petition for another caucus. I am getting telegrams from absent members favoring such a caucus. I have left the date open and will present the petition to Chairman Burleson as soon as I see the signatures. I think I can get this number."

With the exception of the two Senate amendments providing for the construction of two next-class battleships and four additional submarine torpedoes the Senate today agreed to the conference report on the naval appropriation bill. The two amendments on which neither house is willing to give in to the other will again go back to conference. The other amendments to the bill caused little difficulty in reaching an agreement in conference.

When the report was presented to the Senate by Senator Perkins, of California, he insisted that the Senate should take a positive stand for the battle-ship amendment. Conference was requested by Senator Gallinger, the sitting President pro tempore, and Senators Perkins, Lodge and Tillman will again act in the capacity for the Senate.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CLOSES.

Meeting Next Year Will Be Held at Mt. Pleasant.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Spencer, N. C., July 27.—The Salisbury District Conference of the Methodist Church which has been in session in Spencer for three days, closed yesterday afternoon to meet next year at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county. Much business was transacted at the closing session. In naming a committee of lay leaders for the district, J. F. Shinn, of Norwood, was elected chairman, and T. F. Hudson, of Spencer, and Walter Thompson, of Concord, were made assistants. The attention of the conference was called to the pledge of the Western North Carolina Conference of 1910 per year for four years towards building a representative church in Washington, and it was found that the part assigned to Salisbury will be \$125 per year. This is to be placed in the annual budget, and a part has already been paid.

The presiding elder named Rev. J. W. Moore, H. C. Sprinkle, O. J. Jones



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and G. A. Stamper a committee with power to license applicants for license to preach during the interval between the district conferences.

A report on the Children's Home at Winston-Salem was made by Rev. N. B. Richardson, who spoke earnestly on the work being done. Almost \$20,000 have been raised for a central building at the home. It is also planned to build a children's hospital to care for afflicted and crippled children of the conference.

The election of delegates from the district to the annual conference at High Point, November 29, was a special order, and the following were elected: T. F. Hudson, of Spencer, W. R. Odell, of Concord, J. F. Shinn, of Norwood, and N. W. Collette, of Salisbury. Much interest centered in the election of the delegates and J. F. Shinn, of Albemarle, and J. L. Pettie, of Mt. Pleasant, were elected alternate delegates to the annual conference.

At the request of Presiding Elder Dr. J. C. Rowe, Professor Walter Thompson spoke on the matter of building a church at Kannapolis, stating that by donations from the board of church extension and from J. W. Cannon, it is expected a new building worth \$5,000 will soon be in sight. An architect is already at work on the plans.

Rev. J. W. Moore, of Salisbury, made a plea for evangelizing in the district, speaking of a successful use of a prayer pledge, which plan has been adopted by Bishops Hess and Kilgo.

Ambrose—Moore.

Spencer, N. C., July 27.—A surprise marriage took place in Spencer last night, when Miss Olivia Moore became the bride of L. H. Ambrose. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of the Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore of Spencer. After the ceremony the young couple left for a trip to North Carolina, after which they will reside in Spencer.

PERMIT TO BUILD CHAMBER'S HOME

Academy of Music Will Spend \$10,000 on Theatre Improvements.

Building Inspector Beck yesterday issued a permit for the construction of the new Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' building at the corner of Sixth and Main Streets. The permit was taken out in the name of F. Percy Lott, the owner. The building is to be ten stories, and will be constructed of brick, steel and concrete, with the exception of the ninth and tenth floors, which will be finished in terra cotta. The exact cost was not specified, but the structure completed will cost about \$250,000.

Other permits were issued as follows:

Mrs. Judith M. Dunn, to erect a one and one-half story brick bungalow on the south side of Hanover Avenue, between Tilden Street and the Rosebush Road, 15,698.

Henry S. Wallenstein, to erect a two-story frame dwelling on the west side of Oakwood Avenue, between P and Q Streets, 15,639.

The Virginia Theatre Company, owners of the Academy of Music, to erect a reinforced concrete platform and enlarge exits on the south side of the Academy of Music, 15,600. Plans have already been prepared for other improvements to the Academy, the permit for which probably will be issued tomorrow. In the aggregate, work to be done on the Academy will amount to \$10,000.

DISCUSS SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Bedford County Association Holds Third Annual Meeting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bedford City, July 27.—The third annual meeting of Bedford County Sunday-School Association was held Thursday in the Baptist Church. Of the seventy-one schools composing the association, there was a large and gratifying attendance of delegates, and the reports from the different schools showed an increase in membership and average attendance.

Thomas C. Diggs, of Richmond, State secretary of the Sunday-School Association, was present and spoke on a number of topics connected with Sunday-school work.

Other speakers or readers of papers on various subjects of interest in this work, representing the five Protestant churches, were Miss Blanche Talley, Miss Julia A. Graves, Mrs. P. L. Saunders, J. J. Giles, Mrs. Walter Ruan, O. C. Rucker and Miss Champe Nott. All of the officers were re-elected, as follows: J. J. Scott, president; J. R. Grey, vice-president; H. B. Jordan, secretary; Miss Mary B. Fizer, treasurer.

The executive committee consists of Misses Blanche Talley, Julia A. Graves, Mrs. P. L. Saunders, Mrs. W. A. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Walter Ruan, Mrs. Carrie B. Hopkins, Messrs. J. J. Giles, D. H. Thompson and H. E. Bax. At the midday recess a bountiful luncheon was served in the annex of the Methodist Church. Resolutions of sympathy were passed

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VAUDEVILLE HEADS ASSURE WELLS OF THEIR SUPPORT

The controllers of the world's premier vaudeville attractions, the real vaudeville magnates of the United States, have just issued a statement with regard to vaudeville in the South, meaning the Jake Wells interests. They deny rumors that Wells has been forced to turn houses in Mobile and Birmingham over to other parties, state clearly his strategic position in holding contracts with all of the big acts now playing and assure the public that they are backing Wells to a finish.

The statement, signed by B. F. Keith, United Booking Offices, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Kohl, Western Vaudeville Managers' Association and Morris Meyerfield and Martin Beck, Orpheum circuit, is as follows:

"Much has been said on the outside and false stories given to the newspapers with the direct purpose of injuring the business interests of Mr. Jake Wells, one of the pioneers in building beautiful theaters in the South devoted to high-class operating, dramatic, vaudeville and other classes of entertainment. It has not only been intimated, but positively asserted, that Mr. Wells has turned his theaters over to a man named Karl Hohlitzelle, president of the Interstate Amusement company, who claims to have the backing of the United Booking Offices of America, the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association, Mr. Morris Meyerfield and Mr. Martin Beck, of the Orpheum circuit, and Mrs. Charles E. Kohl, who are in control of the Western Vaudeville Managers' Association. These articles contain the further statement that Mr. Wells' theatrical exploits were halted by Mrs. Kohl, and that Mrs. Kohl's position had made it impossible for Mr. Wells to continue his plans of expansion in the South. The undersigned wish it understood that these published rumors, reports and statements are absolutely untrue and without foundation in fact. Mr. Wells is strongly entrenched in the southern field by

an effort to injure and discredit him and mislead the public as to his true position and affiliation with the said institution and with B. F. Keith, Mrs. Charles E. Kohl, Morris Meyerfield and Martin Beck.

(Signed)

"B. F. Keith, President United Booking Offices of America; Mrs. Charles E. Kohl, Charles E. Kohl, Managing Director Western Vaudeville Managers' Association; Morris Meyerfield and Martin Beck, of the Orpheum Circuit."

BALLSVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Ballsville, Va., July 27.—Mrs. Henderson Johnson, of Farmville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. H. Hurt, "Will Page, of Deland, Fla., is at "Mr. Laurel" for the summer.
Miss Sallie Shepherd, of Chester, has returned to her home after a visit of several weeks to relatives here.
Miss Charles Pierce, of Arvonia, is a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Jeter.
Womack Gray, of Farmville, is spending the week with friends.
Mrs. Wilbur Brown and children, of Texas, are the guests of D. H. Brown.
Miss Louise Taylor, of Lynchburg, is on a visit to Miss Ethel Wilson.
Mrs. Henry Garrett, has returned home after a visit of two weeks in Richmond.
Mrs. Mollie Williamson, who has been with relatives since the spring, has gone to Bedford City.

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Bulletin Set Forth Measures for Checking Advance of Pest.

Atlanta, Ga., July 27.—For the benefit of farmers in the districts now being ravaged by the army worm, the Southern South Carolina and Texas E. M. Webster, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and E. L. Worsham, State Entomologist of Georgia, issued a bulletin setting forth measures for checking the advance of the plague. After pointing out that the worm begins its work in bottom lands and spreads first in rows where it can be most easily destroyed, the bulletin says: "On the first appearance of the worm, farmers should either dust with powdered arsenate of lead, undiluted or mixed at the rate of one pound of arsenate to four or five pounds of flour, using three pounds of the poison or dust or nine pounds of the dilute mixture to the acre. Arsenate of lead paste may be used in the form of a spray, the strength of two to three pounds of arsenate to fifty gallons of water, with equal quantities of unslacked lime. Spraying is preferable for young corn. Paris green also will poison the worms. It is stated, but is not so safe to use.

"When worms are marching," the bulletin continues, "fields can sometimes be protected by running a deep furrow around the land, leaving straight edge next to field to be protected. When the worms collect there, dragging through furrow.

The third generation of worms is now entering the ground to transform into moths. These deposit eggs, which, within a short time, will produce another generation of worms."